

In re Application of: Ross, et al.

Serial No: 10/615,308

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Group Art Unit: 1731

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**RESPONSE**

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Fee requirements (if any) have been calculated as shown below:

Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims	_____ minus _____	= _____ X \$18 =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	_____ minus _____	= _____ x \$86 =	\$ 0.00
If amendment enters <u>proper</u> multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for <u>first</u> time, add \$290.00 (per application)			\$ 0.00
Since Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>N/A</u>			
<b>PETITION</b> is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month \$110; 2 months \$420; 3 months \$950; 4 months \$1480)			\$ 0.00
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Dear Sir:

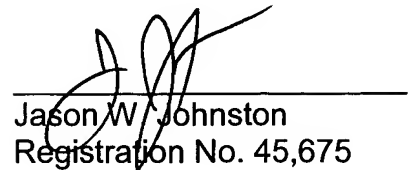
In the Office Action dated February 17, 2004, election of a single species was required because the application was said to contain claims directed to two patentably distinct species, namely the species of (1) a method of drying using a dryer and (2) a method of drying using a through-dryer. Applicant notes, however, that a "through-dryer" is a type of "dryer" and is thus a species of the genus "dryer." Nevertheless, Applicant elects the claims directed to "a method of drying using a dryer" and notes that all pending claims read on this genus.

It is believed that the present application is in complete condition for allowance and favorable action, therefore, is respectfully requested. Examiner Halpern is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned, however, should any issues remain after consideration of this response.

Please charge any additional fees required by this Response to Deposit Account No. 04-1403.

Respectfully submitted,

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